

# Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association (TBAV) - Hall of Fame Policy

## General

### Name

The name shall be the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association's Hall of Fame (the Hall of Fame)

### Objective

The objective for establishing the Hall of Fame is to recognise those outstanding individuals who can be held up as role models for the sport of tenpin bowling in Victoria. Specifically:

- Athletes who have demonstrated sustained performances at the highest levels in the sport of tenpin bowling; and
- Administrators who have made an extraordinary, inspirational and dedicated personal contribution to tenpin bowling and its development in Victoria.

### Scope

Recognition through membership of the Hall of Fame relates to an individual's participation under the umbrella of Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA), or its predecessor, the Australian Tenpin Bowling Congress (ATBC) and / or its affiliates.

The Hall of Fame will be an elite body with a limited membership based on stringent criteria, principally based on performances or activities at regional and state levels, although national and international performance can be included, provided the state criteria has been met. The objective of the Hall of Fame is not to recognise performances or activities at a national level, or longevity of participation or service at the national or international level. Such performances or activities can be recognised by the national body by a variety of means such as special awards, life memberships etc.

### Recognition of Inductees and Members

Inductees into the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association Hall of Fame will be recognised at the annual VicTenpins Awards Ceremony, held in conjunction with the Victorian State Championships.

The current home of the Hall of Fame will be the VicTenpins website, where information about inductees will be presented. The Hall of Fame does not yet have a physical home. The information to be provided in the Hall of Fame will be:

- The names of the individuals, the year of their induction and category under which they were inducted (athlete or administrator);
- The official Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association Hall of Fame citation to the Hall of Fame;
- Biographies and photographs, including action photographs where possible.

### Membership

Once accepted into the Hall of Fame, inductees will remain members indefinitely, unless they are removed because of conduct prejudicial to the Hall of Fame and the good name of Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association and the sport in general. The removal of any inductee from the Hall of Fame shall be voted on by the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association Board of Directors on the advice of the Hall of Fame subcommittee.

## Process

### Nomination Eligibility

Nomination to the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association Hall of Fame can only be for individuals – teams are not eligible, and each nomination must be considered individually.

Nominated individuals must be, or have been, active members of a Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association, in conjunction with Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA), or its predecessor the Australian Tenpin Bowling Association (ATBC) during the period of activity for which they are being considered.

### **Membership**

There shall be two types of membership of the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Associations Hall of Fame:

- Athlete
- Administrator

Where a nominated individual has contributed to both areas, they should be nominated in the category where their performance was most outstanding.

### **Nomination Details**

To maximise the chance of a nomination for the Hall of Fame succeeding, it is important that full documentation is provided, including:

- a completed nomination form addressing in detail the Hall of Fame criteria;
- a broader biography including some sporting and personal history of the nominated individual.

Nomination to the Hall of Fame can be by any current financial member of Tenpin Bowling Australia, other than the individual being nominated.

### **Consideration**

Any nominations will be first considered by a Hall of Fame subcommittee, and if supported, shall be voted on at a general meeting of Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association.

Any decision by the Hall of Fame subcommittee or the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association in relation to nominations for Hall of Fame shall be final and no appeal can be made in relation to the decision and no correspondence will be entered into. Decisions of the Hall of Fame subcommittee and Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association will be based on a simple majority.

### **The Hall of Fame subcommittee**

The Hall of Fame subcommittee shall consist of up to four members of which two, including the TBA State Manager, must be members of the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association Board. The other two members of the subcommittee can be coopted from the current financial membership of Tenpin Bowling Australia.

### **Inductees to the Hall of Fame**

Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association will:

- send out a congratulatory letter, inviting the individual to be presented at the annual State Awards presentation;
- arrange for the production of a plaque and engraving;
- present, or arrange to present, the individual with the award at the Awards presentation or at another appropriate occasion;
- produce and maintain citations for inductees to the Hall of Fame on the VicTenpins website and in any other future permanent home of Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association;
- maintain records and provide a permanent archival record of citations, nominations, photos and supporting information.

### **Limitation**

In the first two years of the establishment (2008) of the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association Hall of Fame, up to six individuals may be inducted, in the third year of the Hall of Fame up to four individuals may be inducted, thereafter only one individual may be inducted in any one year. There should be no expectation that an individual will be inducted every year. Unsuccessful nominations after three occasions shall not be resubmitted for another five years, as acceptance into the Hall of Fame is not a competition between athletes, but an assessment against fixed and stringent criteria.

The elevated numbers that can be accepted into the Hall of Fame in the initial three year phase-in period is to reach into the past and recognise those outstanding athletes and administrators who have helped establish the reputation and assisted in the development of Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association.

**Criteria:**

The record of a proposed inductee should be self evident when reviewed in detail, but to ensure credibility for membership of the Hall of Fame, criteria has been established to guide nominations and their assessment.

**Length of Service**

Nomination for the Hall of Fame is only available after a minimum of 15 (fifteen) years regular participation or involvement. For administrators, achievement from personal effort or initiative is essential, in particular significant contributions to the profile or development of the sport of tenpin bowling. Long-service is not sufficient in itself. The required length of service may be reduced to 12 (twelve) years where the career of the nominated individual was cut short by major injury, illness or death, or 10 (ten) years where the contributions have been way beyond any expectations from a volunteer.

**Performances – Athlete Nominees**

Demonstrated ongoing achievements at an elite level in tenpin bowling is an essential criteria for nominated athletes – this is principally through the setting of records, medal placing (particularly winning) at the World, International, Australian and State championships or Ranked Events. Performances and records may include those achieved as a member of a team's event, such as Rachuig. The assessment should consider an individual's ongoing dominance of an event or events, and isolated outstanding performances are not considered sufficient for acceptance into the Hall of Fame.

The hierarchy of the significance of accomplishments in order is as follows:

- number of representatives teams and winning performances at State Team level;
- number of medal winning performances at International, Australian, and FIQ Championships;
- number of individual State, National and International titles won;
- number of State Championships medals, (gold, silver and bronze in that order);

**Excluded Athlete Performances**

Performances in "Non Accredited" or non recognised competition by Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA) or its predecessor the Australian Tenpin Bowling Congress (ATBC) will not be considered, but can be noted to provide a rounded picture of the individual in the sport.

**Contributions – Administrator Nominees**

Substantial and outstanding contributions and achievements to the management and development of tenpin bowling as a result of exceptional personal effort and initiative are essential criteria for an administrator nominee to the Hall of Fame.

Such contribution should principally be at the national and international level of the sport, however, contributions at a state or territory will be considered at a lower level. Contributions or achievements to the development and management of tenpin bowling at a state or territory level only, are not sufficient for entry to the Hall of Fame. It is important to note that long-service is not sufficient in itself, and also that any contributions do not have to be made in a continuous block of time.

The following is a guide for the assessment of administrator contributions and achievements:

- extraordinary, inspirational and dedicated personal contributions to tenpin bowling and its development at a Victorian level beyond that normally expected;
- outstanding contributions that have substantially moved or grown the sport and the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association and its professionalism at the state level;
- innovative or pioneering approaches to the organization and management of tenpin bowling at the state level;
- contributions that have substantially enhanced the reputation or profile of the sport and the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association.
- contributions that have assisted the status of the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association in the sport of tenpin bowling, more generally in Victoria.

#### **Excluded Administrator Contributions**

Contributions to the management of other organisations prior to an administrator's involvement in tenpin bowling, or contributions to the management of tenpin bowling will not be considered, but should be noted to provide a rounded picture of the individual in tenpin bowling and sport more generally.

#### **Nominees Spanning both Athlete and Administrator Categories**

Where a nominee to the Hall of Fame under either Athlete or Administrator categories has achieved significant athletic performances and made outstanding administrative contributions, the Hall of Fame subcommittee may at its discretion accept slightly lower standards than for each nomination in isolation.

#### **Personal Qualities**

This is an essential criterion for acceptance into the Hall of Fame, and individuals nominated for either athlete or administrator membership must have conducted themselves throughout their sporting career in a manner that brings credit to themselves, the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association, Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA) or its predecessor the Australian Tenpin Bowling Congress (ATBC).

The ranges of personal qualities that must be exhibited by nominated individuals include:

- integrity;
- exemplary sportsmanship;
- affability;
- respect for others;
- support for the values of the sport and Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association, Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA) or its predecessor the Australian Tenpin Bowling Congress (ATBC).

Individuals accepted into the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association Hall of Fame must be able to be held up as positive role models for the sport of tenpin bowling.

#### **Conduct Unbecoming**

Any person who has committed conduct prejudicial to the Hall of Fame and the good name of Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association or Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA) shall be ineligible for induction or shall be removed from the Hall. This shall include the taking of performance enhancing drugs which are not permitted under the World Anti Doping Code.

#### **Qualification**

Where there is limited documentation or lack of clarity in relation to some aspects of the nomination relating to the early years of the Victorian Tenpin Bowling Association, Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA) or its predecessor the Australian Tenpin Bowling Congress (ATBC), such matters can be considered on a case-by-case basis. This will only apply to the first three years following commencement of the Hall of Fame when nominations from this period may be considered.